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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to amend the committee amendments and there are a couple of parts to this amendment. The first part of the amendment is just to clarify who can and cannot take advantage of the tax exemption on manufacturing equipment, that's the sales tax exemption on manufacturing equipment, and clear up who is eligible and who is not. The second half of the amendment though is the part that needs to be explained to you and to, I hope, get adopted. What it really boils down to is the method that the Revenue Committee came up with that says that any prospective manufacturer moving into the state for example, to set up a manufacturing plant here, must first pay the sales tax on his equipment into the Department of Revenue and then file an application to get that sales tax back. What this adds up to is that the company, for example, that is considering a location can look at Nebraska, for example, and say, well if I'm going to have to make that additional investment in Nebraska where I'm not going to have to make the additional investment in the State of Iowa, can choose the state of Iowa. Because as you all know the State of Iowa just passed this exemption for manufacturing equipment through the State Legislature of the State of Iowa. I would like to call your attention to the fact there are 40 states that have now got this exemption on the sales tax for manufacturing equipment. The thing that my amendment would do would be to require the seller of this manufacturing equipment or the party using the equipment in the State of Nebraska to file a certificate with the Department of Revenue saying that they are exempt...we are taking this exemption. The Department of Revenue then can look that over and if they approve it, fine. If they do not approve it, if they feel there has been an abuse of it or something like that, then they can write back to the people and say, no, that is not exempt. But at least in the meantime the manufacturer does not have to pay it in until such time as it's ruled on by the Department of Revenue. I'm sure as I'm standing here, for example, that there are some manufacturing companies, food processing companies, that sort of thing, that are considering coming into the State of Nebraska. In fact I know one coming into Wahoo, another one in Columbus, another one in Omaha that if we don't keep the process the way we